

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2647 Ak-Chin Water Use Amendments Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 26, 2000

H.R. 2647 would allow the Ak-Chin Indian Community in Arizona to extend and renew leases of its settlement water for off-reservation use. Under current law, such leases may not exceed 100 years. In addition, the act would ratify and approve a lease agreement among the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the United States, and the Del Webb Corporation.

Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO expects that H.R. 2647 would have no significant effect on the agency's administrative costs. Therefore, we estimate that any impact on discretionary spending as a result of this legislation would be negligible. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2647 would have no effect on direct spending or receipts, because any income resulting from additional leases would be paid directly to the Ak-Chin Community. Hence, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the act.

H.R. 2647 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 18, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2647, the Ak-Chin Water Use Amendments Act of 1999, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources. The two versions of the legislation are very similar and our cost estimates are identical.

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